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A BAIL BUSINESS EVAPORATED

Humor, wit, irony and sarcasm are difficult to define; each is best explained by the example quoted.

Of course, the best example is the thanks a Broward county land owner gave the drainage officials for not interfering with the evaporation which was taking flood waters off of his grove.

An ironic situation was that of the eight professional bondsmen indicted in the federal court at Miami for perjury who had a hard time making bonds of \$5,000 each and freeing themselves from jail temporarily.

AGAIN—WILL THEY DELIVER?

Here is a matter that is important to residents and land owners of the Everglades—just how important we shall see later; let us separate it into its parts and examining them we can put the parts together and look at the matter.

In matter of place and time, there was Florida Democratic up to 1928, in the general election of that year the state is Republican. The change did not take place without a reason—there was a cause of the effect: The Democratic party is a party of tariff for revenue, the Republican party is the party of the so-called protection, and to the voters of this state of the party of protection was given the state's electoral vote, that party's representative in Congress was able to apply their political principles to Florida's agricultural products. This was an argument and a plea that was understandable; we had seen that we had to pay higher prices for necessities of life and merchandise generally because of the "protection" given to other states of the union. Then why should Florida not even up by making citizens of other states pay the same for the necessities they consumed, as we pay higher for "protected" articles we use? So the argument that was addressed to us was understandable and was understood and was accepted by voters here—Democrats.

And there was another argument: That as the favor of protection is given to states that "vote right," so too are post office buildings and waterways, and we were reminded that "good states" got more appropriations than do "sordid" Democratic states under Republican administration. This was the essence of the argument for "two-party" government.

The Tropical Sun, the Republican paper published at West Palm Beach, need not try to tell us we are wrong. It chance that a Republican organization paid for advertisements in The Everglades News in which they claimed that the memory of hundreds of voters in Canal Point and Pahokee that the arguments were made in political addresses delivered in the Wagner theater by Republican nominees.

Specifically and definitely it was promised that if Florida's electoral votes were given for Hoover and Curtis, the Republican Congress would enact a law putting the import duties on vegetables so high that Cuban and Mexican vegetables would be excluded and the "Food control" would be taken care of without the owners of Everglades having to pay to make any contribution in taxes.

There are the parts of the matter. They do look sordid, for they are sordid, and it is understandable that the Republican promises do not care to be reminded of their promises. The Republican tariff makers in Congress are not embarrassed by the relations of having tariff as much as they are by the failure, not scientifically, but by balking and log-rolling. Likewise the Florida Republicans are embarrassed and offended when reminded as made the methods employed in Florida to change this from a Democratic state to a Republican state.

Now, having looked at the parts, we go back to the first proposition: Is Florida to be given a protective tariff to be put on vegetables, an appropriation to be made for flood control?

We may undertake to appraise the importance of this matter. The tariff, we were told, affects our bread and butter, our livelihood, the value of our real estate; flood control affects the lives of the residents, the security of their homes and the safety of their lives. Could anything be more important?

And what is the Republican party going to do about it—are they going to deliver on their promises?

FLORIDA'S SUPREME COURT

His decisions on drainage matters have not always been what The Everglades News would have them be but that may have been because the court was interpreting law and the newspaper was stating its dislike of the lawmakers!

There is a good deal of speculation just now as to what the decision of the court will be on the tax reform measures that were enacted at the last session of the legislature, and there is general tendency to withhold ex-

pression of opinion until the court has announced its decision. This has prevented the study at this time of taxation questions which should be more generally studied. It will be a relief when the court has ruled on the questions.

As in the drainage cases the court's decision will not settle the question of how wise the law is; it will deal only with the constitutionality of the measures, and there will still be reason for public interest in the questions.

When any number of honest, independent men, from three to nine, study a proposition, their decision will be as right as is possible in human affairs.

AUTOMOBILES TAXED, YES

Florida is one of the few states of the union that has no bonded indebtedness and it does not have an inheritance tax, as has California, or an income tax as has New York and many other states. Its per capita costs of state government are far below the average of the forty-eight states of the union.

Florida does not tax on automobiles, it taxes gasoline.

All other states tax automobiles and gas, so with some complaints are being made in Palm Beach county as if this was the only state in the union in which there were taxes. That complaint is unfair, and in justice it should not go unchallenged. It is true the complaints are chiefly made out of small political mileage but instead of that being a cause for alarm, it is a cause for rejoicing. It is a practical policy that above all, it is a good one.

That is the cause for rejoicing. It is a good one.

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